Persuasive Research Paper Dr. Luecke

LSA Honors English 10 February-March 2013

**Due date: March 11\***

**Part I: Project Overview**

Research and formal paper writing will be important to your academic career for the next two years and beyond. Your big “project” assignment for this quarter is to conduct research on a world leader and then write a 2-3 page, double-spaced paper. Your task will be to find information on the leader and then argue whether or not he or she is Machiavellian. You will need to include evidence from their lives and experience to be persuasive.

The final paper product is just one part of this process, and your grade. You will be required to turn in note cards, an annotated bibliography, a rough draft and a final draft with a works cited page in MLA format. You will also be required to present your paper.

**Part II: Timeline**

Friday, February 8 – Introduction of the project

Thursday, February 14 – Library: initial research, brainstorming and thesis creation

Monday, February 18 – Library: continue your research

Wednesday, February 20 – Notecard check #1: at least six possible source cards

Friday, February 22 – Annotated bibliography due

Wednesday, February 27 – Note card check #2

Tuesday, March 5 –Rough draft (including works cited) due in class (printed)

Monday, March 11 – Final draft due

**Part III: Research**

You will turn in note cards in two phases for this project. For the first phase, you will need to identify six possible sources for your paper and create a notecard for each by Wednesday, February 20. By Friday, February 20, you will need to do an annotated bibliography in MLA format. For the second note-card step, you will write evidence on notecards, one piece per card. The amount will vary per source. Those note cards are due Wednesday, February 27. There will need to be a works cited page on the final product.

\*Due date subject to change if necessary.